(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has discontinued the showing of temperature zone chart of the entire country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, there were a few occasions when this chart could not be shown as a news story received at the last minute had to be accommodated.

टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए आवेदन तथा गांवों में डाक सेवा

3339. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय कुल कितने आवेदन लंबित पड़े हैं और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कितने टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिए जाने की योजना है और उन पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च किये जाने का विचार है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार की गांवों में डाक सेवा उपलब्ध कराने की कोई योजना है, यदि हां, तो यह सुविधा एक हजार लोगों की जनसंख्या वाले गांवों को कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जाएगी और सरकार इस सुविधा पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च करने का विचार रखती है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) 31 मई, 1990 की स्थिति के अनुसार टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए प्रतीक्षा कर रहे आवेदकों की संख्या 17.86 लाख है । आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के मसौदा प्रस्तावों में नेटवर्क में 52 लाख सीधी एक्सचेंज जोड़ने की परिकल्पना की गयी है, जिनका अनुमानित परिव्यय 19700 करोड़ रुपए (1989 के मूल्यों पर) होगा ।

(ख) डाक सेवाएं : अनुमान है कि 1000 तथा इससे अधिक की आबादी वाले ऐसे ग्रामों की संख्या लगभग 13000 है जिनमें स्थानीय डाकघर नहीं है । तथापि, डाक वस्तुओं के वितरण और मनीआर्डरों के भुगतान के रूप में डाक सेवा सभी ग्रामों को सुलभ करा दी गई है । विभाग ने योजना आयोग में प्रस्ताव किया है कि इन सभी ग्रामों में अगली दो पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में डाकघर की सुविधा प्रदान कर दी जाए । आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए विभाग ने 90 करोड़ रुपए के परिव्यय का प्रस्ताव किया है । योजना के मसौदे पर अभी तक योजना आयोग के साथ विचार विमर्श नहीं किया गया है ।

Prime Minister's visit to border areas of Punjab

3340. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently visited border areas of Punjab and held detailed discussions with the officials of BSF and other forces;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has also directed to complete the fencing work at the border within the time schedule;

(d) if so, the extent of work of fencing at the border that is still to be done; and

(e) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. P. M. visited some border areas in Punjab on 19-8-90 and had discussions with officials on securing the border effectively.

(c) to (e) Fencing in selected stretches totalling 120 Kms has already been completed. Fencing in additional stretches totalling 236 Kms. has since been sanctioned and is expected to be completed in a period of 9 months from the date of commencement of the work.

Terrorism in Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Ferozepur in Punjab

3341. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Ferozepur in Punjab have been worst-affected by terrorists activities during the past few months and the State Government as well as the Central Government have failed to curb activities in those Districts;

(b) whether there is persistent demand to deploy army in these Districts in Punjab; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto and the further steps proposed to be taken to defuse the activities of terrorists in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) According to information available, the three border districts of Amritsar, Ferozepur and Gurdaspur in Punjab, continue to be badly affected by terrorists activities. There has been some suggestions that Army be deployed in these areas. The security situation in these areas as also in other parts of Punjab is constantly under review by the Government and measures are taken to contain the activities of the terrorists. Particular attention is being paid to strengthen the border management in which Para-Military Forces are receiving the required help from the Army.

Upgrading the standard of police administration

3342. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 8th Finance Commission had recommended more allocation for upgrading the standard of police administration during the period of 1985-86 to 1988-89;

(b) whether Government had also proposed to create more posts for women police constables; and

(c) if so, the target thereof and the financial outlay therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The 8th Finance Commission had recommended an amount of Rs. 275.40 crores for upgradation of standard of Police administration during the period 1985-86 to 1988-89.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

The 8th Finance Commission had recommended an amount of Rs. 439.72 lakhs for creation of 2034 posts for women constable during the period 1985-86 to 1988-89.

New Technology on Agriculture in the T.V. Programmes

3343. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give more stress in T.V. Programmes on awareness about technology of agriculture to the agriculturist of backward State such as Orissa and also to open new Doordarshan Kendras in rural areas;

(b) what is the improvement of the Doordarshan Kendra Baripeda in Mayurbhanj District; and